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Ms. Sandra Gardebring
Director
Enforcement Division (5-E)
U. S. Environmental Protection Agency
230 South Dearborn Street
Chicago, Illinois 60604

Re: **St. Clair County-Sauget/Toxic Dump**
Illinois EPA Site No.-16312103
Monsanto Chemical Intermediates Company
Sauget, Illinois

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ILL. E.P.A. - D.L.P.C.
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Dear Ms. Gardebring:

Pursuant to the ISS inspection conducted by this Agency's personnel in accordance with our Cooperative Arrangement with the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency, we have collected samples from certain wells on the above-specified property owned by Monsanto. Our laboratory people, along with our ISS inspectors, have a suspicion that there may be dioxin in the Monsanto wells. This suspicion is based on the fact that some of the analysis we have concluded does not exclude the presence of dioxin, but indicates dioxin may be present. This is of concern since Monsanto was a manufacturer of dioxin.

Our laboratories are not equipped in order to test for dioxin, and I am informed that there are only two certified laboratories in the Country that can test for dioxin.

Field investigators from this Agency made an initial contact with Bob Stone, of your Agency, in order to gain his assistance in having the USEPA obtain analysis of our samples. This request was made some time ago with no results. Recently, the Director of our Agency communicated by letter with the head of Region V Laboratories in order to facilitate having the samples tested for dioxin. Our inspectors contacted me today to see if there is anything I can do to help facilitate gaining the assistance of the USEPA. This is the reason for this letter. I am hoping that you might turn this matter over to appropriate individuals at Region V that can speed up this matter so as to obtain an analysis to determine whether or not dioxin is in Monsanto's wells. Mr. Mike Nechvatal would be the contact person at our Agency, and his telephone number is 217/782-9844.

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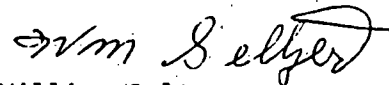
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Finally, I am informed that Monsanto has been testing the subject wells for many months. We have asked Monsanto whether they would turn over those test results to us, and although they stated they would cooperate, we have not been able to obtain such information from Monsanto. If there is any way the USEPA can obtain this information, it would be of great assistance to this Agency.

Sincerely,



William Seltzer
Senior Technical Advisor
Enforcement Programs

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cc: [Mike Nechvata]
Bill Child
Stan Parsons